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PATENT

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In re Application of: Chastain et al.

Group Art Unit: 2839

Serial No.: 09/928,304

Examiner: Prasad, Chandrika

Filed: August 13, 2001

Docket No.: 158/71

For: AIR BLOWN FIBER (ABF) CABLE WITH LOW COMPOSITE COEFFICIENT OF THERMAL EXPANSION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated August 19, 2003, having a 1-month term for Response which expired on September 19, 2003. A Petition for a 5-month Extension of Time is filed herewith extending the time for response up to and including January 19, 2004. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.

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RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	Figure 2	Fiber tube with cross-linked polyolefin
II	Figure 3	Fiber tube with cross-linked polyolefin with a thin inner layer
III	Figures 4A-4D	Multiple tubes of configuration of Figure 2 or Figure 3
IV	Figure 5	Comprising 6 tubes with a strength member
V	Figure 6	Comprising 18 tubes with a strength Member

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, Figure 2 (Claims 1 – 8, and 11), fiber tube with cross-linked polyolefin for prosecution at this time. Accordingly, Applicants hereby cancel non-elected Claims 9 – 10 and 12 – 36, while reserving the right to file related application(s) based on Claims 9 – 10 and 12 – 36 until the issuance date of the subject application.

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 36 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1 – 36 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I, Claims 1 – 8 and 11, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

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CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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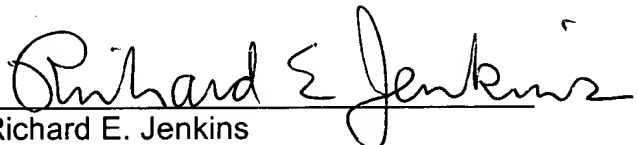
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